



"I think your date is here... I just heard the refrigerator door slam!"

## Santa's Toy Gifts Should Be Examined

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Toys and children seem to go together. And in this Christmas season thoughts of parents and children alike commonly turn to toys. Toys, it goes without saying, occupy a large niche in the lives of children.

Every phrase of the process of growing up is helped through playing with children's toys. They afford children opportunities to develop physically, emotionally, and mentally.

Parents describe children under six as "live wires." These youngsters are fired with energy and curiosity and they need to be. From crib to kindergarten they have a big job to do, because they are getting ready for school and the first real experience of being on their own away from the family.

TO GET ready for school, each child needs opportunities to experiment with things, with people, and, most important, with himself. These opportunities to experiment come in the wonderful world of toys. Indeed, in the preschool years, toys fill the place that books, paper and pencils will occupy later in school. For this reason it is difficult to draw the line between the use of toys for play and for learning.

Every parent wants to choose toys that are safe, yet entertaining and educational. The trick to buying toys is knowing which toy is adapted to a particular age group. For example, a toy which is perfectly safe for an eight-year-old may be

come deadly for a four-year-old.

The National Safety Council has compiled a list of toys which may be hazardous as gifts for children. In general, younger children should not be given small toys which may be swallowed or those with small, removable parts. Rather they should be too large to put in the mouth and made of non-brittle material.

THE COUNCIL also warns against giving younger children toys that may splinter and break or have rough, sharp or cutting edges. It also advises not to give children under eight years of age target or shooting toys which may endanger eyes. Tricycles and wagons warrant parental consideration too. They may be too big for the child and, being unable to balance, he may fall off easily.

For children over eight years, the council recommends that air rifles, chemistry sets, dart games, bows and arrows, electrical toys and dangerous tools be given only if they are to be used under supervision of parents. It advises against motor scooters for anyone under driving age. All electrical toys should be safe and the council advises looking for the UL (Underwriters-Laboratory) label on the cord and the toy itself.

Toys made with lead or colored with lead-based paints should be avoided since poisonous amounts can easily be ingested and cause illness. Flammable plastic toys and those operated by kerosene, alcohol, or gasoline should be kept away from children.

ONCE HAVING selected and purchased the toy, it's up to the parents to instruct their children in its proper use. The parents should regularly inspect the toy for possible broken edges which may scratch, and assist the child in acquiring the necessary skill before leaving him alone with toys that require special handling.

Understanding, planning and sharing your child's play are important tasks for parents. And they are fun too. Helping your child to learn to use a new toy correctly and safely brings with it for you and your youngster the good feeling of "doing together" and learning to know each other a little better.

### Pacific Phone Will Pay \$31 Million in Tax

Pacific Telephone is preparing to pay a record-breaking tax bill of over \$31 million to the County of Los Angeles.

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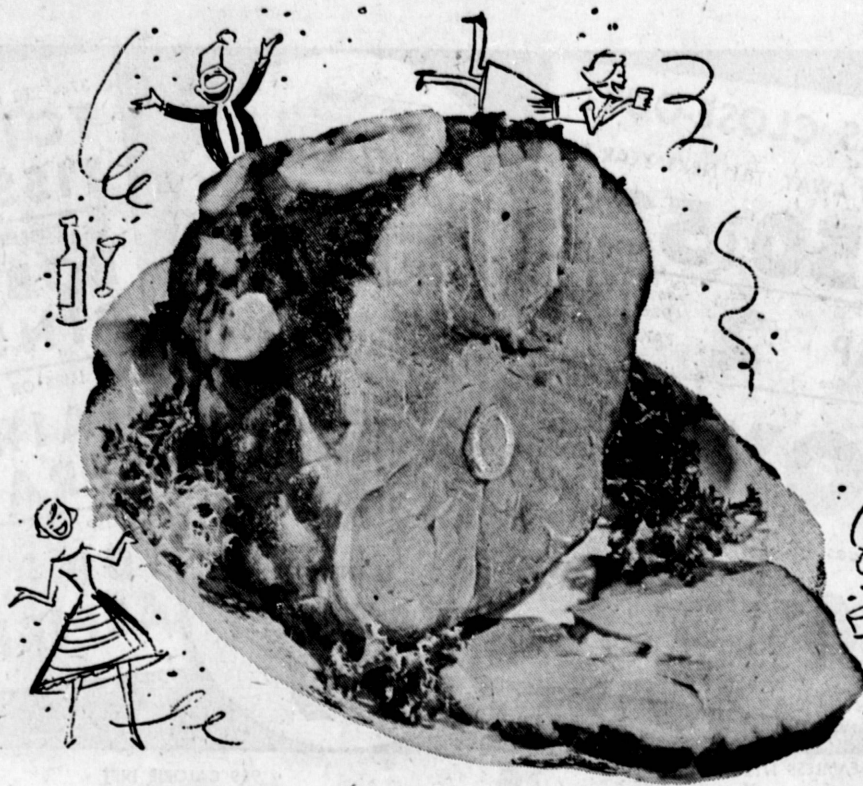
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